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## **NAVY TO EXPAND JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (NJROTC)**

PENSACOLA, Fla. – During the current fiscal year, the Navy will expand the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Program. The number of high schools authorized to have a program will grow from 435 to 490 this fiscal year with plans to add 210 more units during fiscal years 01 through 05.

The current NJROTC program encompasses approximately 63,000 cadets, 961 instructors and is made up of units in 42 states, the District of Columbia, Italy, Japan and Guam and is designed to promote patriotism, citizenship, self-discipline and leadership skills in high school students. The program includes a Naval Science curriculum with subjects like naval history, oceanography, navigation, naval operations, astronomy, and leadership. Additional activities include community service, orientation trips to military bases, sea cruises, athletic, academic and drill events. Schools that have NJROTC programs have demonstrated increased attendance, higher graduation rates, reduced gang involvement, and decreased discipline problems.

Instructors in this program are retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers and senior enlisted personnel (E6-E9) who have served a minimum of 20 years active duty or have retired under the Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA). Instructors wear their uniforms, maintain current weight requirements and receive a salary at least equal to the difference between their retired pay and the active duty pay and allowances, excluding incentive pay which they would receive if on active duty.

More information on this program can be found at [www.cnet.navy.mil](http://www.cnet.navy.mil).